

Stefanik	Tsongas	Watson Coleman
Stewart	Turner	Weber (TX)
Stivers	Upton	Webster (FL)
Suozi	Valadao	Welch
Swalwell (CA)	Vargas	Wenstrup
Takano	Veasey	Westerman
Taylor	Vela	Williams
Tenney	Velázquez	Wilson (SC)
Thompson (CA)	Visclosky	Wittman
Thompson (MS)	Wagner	Womack
Thompson (PA)	Walberg	Woodall
Thornberry	Walden	Yarmuth
Tiberi	Walker	Yoder
Tipton	Walorski	Yoho
Titus	Walters, Mimi	Young (AK)
Tonko	Wasserman	Young (IA)
Torres	Schultz	Zeldin
Trott	Waters, Maxine	

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NOT VOTING—15

Adams	Garamendi	Pingree
Bishop (GA)	Green, Gene	Renacci
Blackburn	Hanabusa	Scalise
Cummings	Kind	Walz
Foster	McNerney	Wilson (FL)

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PYTHON ELIMINATION PROGRAM

(Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an invasive and dangerous species destroying our Everglades ecosystem.

Geoff Roepstorff, pictured here, is a constituent who is a banker by day and a python hunter by night. I hunted with Geoff and killed some of these pythons while participating in the South Florida Water Management District Python Elimination Program. One of the pythons I killed is hanging in my office today. You can come by and see it.

The elimination program has removed over 820 snakes from south Florida, but as of now, they can't hunt inside the Everglades National Park because of Interior regulations. These predators eat up small animals and disrupt our ecosystem throughout the Everglades and even eat panthers, bobcats, and alligators, and they pose a threat to humans. The South Florida Water Management District Python Elimination Program incentivizes members of the public to assist in hunting and eliminating these invasive species.

I want to especially thank Mike Kirkland and Tia Barnett from South Florida Water Management District for their work on this program, and I say that now is the time to allow experienced and trained hunters like Geoff Roepstorff and others, as part of the elimination program, to be allowed to hunt and eliminate pythons in Everglades National Park.

BIDDING FAREWELL TO GOVERNOR BRENDAN BYRNE OF NEW JERSEY

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, last week, New Jersey said its final good-bye to a tireless advocate, dedicated leader, and wonderful man who just happened to also have been our Governor. Brendan Byrne, our two-term Governor, never let the weight of his office bog him down. He will be remembered for his wit, his passion, and the force of his will.

Governor Byrne helped inspire and instill honorable characteristics of public service into generations of New Jerseyans. I consider myself blessed to be among them.

It is a bittersweet moment to bid farewell to Governor Byrne. I will long keep Ruthie and Tom and the entire Byrne family in my thoughts and in my prayers as their loved ones and, indeed, New Jersey has suffered a tremendous loss.

CONGRATULATING WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wayzata High School on being named Minnesota's best public school by USA Today.

Strong public schools are the foundation of our community, and while Minnesota has many great public and private schools, Wayzata does stand out among them. The schools are evaluated on standardized test scores, student-teacher ratios, graduation rates, Advanced Placement enrollment, and more. Wayzata High School has over 3,200 students, a student ratio of 17 to 1, and an average SAT score of 1420.

Across the Nation, 80 percent of students graduate from high school. In Minnesota, 88 percent graduate, and in Wayzata, 93 percent of their students graduate. Their Advanced Placement enrollment is high, Mr. Speaker. Over 25 percent of 10th graders, 36 percent of 11th graders, and 34 percent of seniors are enrolled in AP classes at Wayzata.

Mr. Speaker, Principal Scott Gengler, all of the teachers and staff, students and parents, and the Spartan community deserve this recognition. Congratulations to Wayzata High School.

HONORING JORDAN THOMAS FOR RECEIVING THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jordan Thomas, a sen-

ior at Princeton University and a graduate of University High School in Newark, New Jersey, for being selected as a 2018 Rhodes Scholar, one of only 32 in the country.

This young man, who graduated high school in my district, is the first Newark Public Schools student in over a decade to receive this prestigious honor.

In addition to getting straight A's since his freshman year at Princeton, Jordan is writing a thesis on school-based support services that Newark Public Schools offers pregnant and parenting teens.

In the next year, he will be taking his talents abroad to study social policy at Oxford College in England. Jordan plans to return to his home of Newark as a public servant. He told the Star Ledger newspaper: "Newark built me. Newark shaped me." As a lifelong resident of Newark myself, I know that feeling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jordan Thomas for his successes, service, and future. His love for his community shows that our country's future is in good hands.

□ 1645

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Law enforcement officers courageously put their lives on the line to protect our homes, our businesses, and our schools. They are truly the unsung heroes of our communities. We are grateful to the men and women in blue who service the front line of defense here at home.

Today and every day, we must stand with our members of law enforcement and their families to honor the sacrifices and the contributions they make to ensure that our families remain safe.

I also especially thank the United States Capitol Police force, who work each day to ensure that Members, staff, and visitors to the Nation's Capital are safe and secure.

Let us not forget to honor the service and sacrifice of all who serve in law enforcement, especially in New York State: our New York State Police, the New York State Park Police, county, city, and village police forces, and, of course, corrections officers throughout the great State of New York.

HONORING LIEUTENANT DEBRA CLAYTON AND DEPUTY NORM LEWIS

(Mrs. DEMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)